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Mysuru, Saturday 8th March 2025

Dr. Arun Srinivas awarded with Andreas Grüntzig Fellowship

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (KS) - Dr. Arun Srinivas, Chief Interventional Cardiologist and Head of Apollo Heart Institutes, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, has been awarded the Andreas Grüntzig Fellowship by the Academy of Cardiac Interventions, London, recently. The award was conferred by Prof. Bernard Meier and Prof. Antonio Colombo.

The Honorary Andreas Grüntzig Fellowship is awarded to individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership and dedication in advancing the field of interventional cardiology. Recipients join a distinguished network of professionals committed to enhancing cardiovascular care.

Andreas Gruntzig is considered the Father of Interventional Cardiology after the development of angioplasty by Interventional Radiologist Charles Dotter.

Dr. Arun Srinivas is a renowned Interventional Cardiologist in Mysuru and surrounding districts for the past 22 years. His clinical expertise and interventional skills have saved and enriched lives of many patients. This prestigious award is a feather in his cap, as he is the first and only Cardiologist from Karnataka to receive it among 20 awardees from across India. In 2014, Dr. Arun Srinivas was honoured with the Fellowship of the American College of Cardiology and the Fellowship of the European Society of Cardiology.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

READING SUNDARAKANDA: ***While churning the ocean of milk, Karpaga tree, which incessantly gratifies petitioners with the objects sought; the moonwhite king of elephants; Goddess Mahalakshmi, affluence personified; the divine nectar;*** *kousthubha* ***— the rarest of the gems, and*** *halahala*, ***the poison, have emerged. Allegorically, in churning the sea of Ramayana came Goddess Sita, the Karpaga treelike Sugreeva, the moonlike Lakshmana, the elephantlike Angadha, the nectarlike Vibhishana, the embodiment of surrender, Hanuman, the rarest gem, and Ravana, the most dangerous poison. If all characters of Ramayana are strung as a garland, Hanuman will be the central pendant studded with the most precious gem.***

Sundara Kanda is in the middle of the Ramayana. Sundara Kanda narrates about Hanuman and praises his great qualities. Hanuman is the manifestation of Lord Siva, who is also called Sundaresa. Hence, the portion that glorifies Hanuman is named Sundara Kanda.

Sri Kesava Vajapeyar Swamy said in a discourse that the term *"sreyas"* ***in Sanskrit denotes the removal of sorrows and enjoyment of comforts. Reading Sundara Kanda will give all sreyas. Even if we are confident in performing a work, we should invoke God's blessings to complete it without any hurdles. Jambhavan praised Hanuman and explained his powers to him, which bolstered Hanuman's confidence in crossing the ocean and reaching Lanka. Before starting, Hanuman prayed to Lord Rama to bless and help him cross the ocean. Hanuman's role model was Garuda, the king of birds. Reading Sundara Kanda will alleviate all our fears, ill thoughts and difficulties.*** *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man finds snake in ice cream

Pak Tho: A man found a whole snake frozen inside an ice cream bar he bought from a street cart. Rayban Naklengboon, hailing from Pak Tho in the Mueang Ratchaburi region of central Thailand, shared pictures of the spooky discovery on Facebook, much to the shock of users.

The post garnered thousands of reactions and comments with some reacting in horror while others joking.

In Naklengboon's case, a black-and-yellow snake's head could be clearly seen in the picture he posted. Social media users speculated that the creature might be a mildly venomous golden tree snake (Chrysopelea ornata) that is commonly found in the region.

Man eats 25 Carolina reaper peppers

Ontario: An iron-stomached speed eater broke a Guinness World Record by eating 25 Carolina reaper chili peppers in 4 minutes and 36.26 seconds.

Mike Jack, a Canadian YouTuber famous for his high tolerance for spicy food, broke the Guinness World Record for the fastest time to eat 25 Carolina reaper chili peppers at Goatfest in Kitchener, Ontario.

Carolina reapers have a Scoville Heat Units measurement of about 1,641,183, compared to about 4,000-8,500 for the average jalapeno pepper. Reapers were considered the hottest chili peppers in the world until the debut of "Pepper X" last year.

"I might make it look a little easier than it is but I'm burning up here, I really feel it. The peppers, they really hurt a lot," Jack told Guinness World Records.

Jack holds multiple Guinness World Records titles, but not all of them are spice related - he broke a record last year by drinking a Capri Sun juice pouch in 21.71 seconds using a paper straw.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Most cases of chronic kidney disease show no overt symptoms during the early stage. Individuals with high risk factors are advised to check their kidney functions regularly.

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa P.T. - Consultant – Nephrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Pratibha Puraskar tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (MTY&DM)- The District Uppara Employees and Professionals Association has organised Pratibha Puraskar and felicitation programme at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road at 10.30 am tomorrow (Mar. 9).

Announcing this at a press meet here on Wednesday, Association's Publicity Secretary K.T. Mohankumar said that Pratibha Puraskar will be presented to talented students of Uppara community while retired and promoted officers, employees, achievers and social workers of the community will be felicitated on the occasion.

Chamarajanagar MLA C. Puttarangashetty will inaugurate the programme in the presence of Bhageeratha Mutt Seer Sri Purushothamanandapuri Swamiji and Ayyanasaragur Mutt Seer Sri Mahadeva Swamiji.

Jayadeva Hospital Director Dr. K.S. Ravindranath and Folk artiste Doddagavi Basappa will be the chief guests. Association President M. Somanna will preside, Mohankumar said adding that various Bhageeratha awards will be presented to achievers from different fields on the occasion.

Association office-bearers T.R. Shivaraju, K. Nagesh, Mahadevashetty, M. Govindaraju and Javarashetty were present at the press meet.

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- ***The cow never bites the grass, instead rolls its tongue over the grass to uproot it.***
- ***Cows can see 300 degrees from their eye and merely can't see what is directly behind them.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man wanted to teach his parrot to say 'Hello'. He went close to the cage and started saying 'Hello'. This went on for a full 30 minutes without the parrot giving the slightest attention. At last the bird turned its head slowly, blinked at the man and said: 'Number engaged'.

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International Women's Day

All-women crew runs Mysuru-Jaipur Express

SWR Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager Shilpi Agarwal and Senior Divisional Operations Manager Haritha flagging off the Mysuru-Jaipur Express at the City Railway Station this morning in the presence of the train crew and other officials.

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (RK&BCT)- To mark International Women's Day, Indian Railways operates trains with all-women crew, including loco pilots, train managers, ticket checkers and security personnel, highlighting women's capabilities and promoting gender equality.

Authorities hailed the initiative as a tribute to women's empowerment in the railways. As part of the celebrations, the Mysuru Division of the South Western Railway (SWR) operated Train No. 12975 Mysuru-Jaipur Express this morning, which departed at 10.30 am from Mysuru City Railway Station with an all-women crew, symbolising empowerment in action.

The all-women Jaipur Express crew comprised Senior Loco Pilot Sijina, Assistant Loco Pilot Krishnaveni, Train Manager Kasi Monicasai, Deputy Station Manager Nagalakshmi Prasad, Traveling Ticket Examiner Smitha Rajeshwari and Station Superintendent A. Vibha.

The train was flagged off by Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shilpi Agarwal and Senior Divisional Operations Manager Haritha.

(See WOMEN CREW on page 11)

MUDA 50:50 site scam

HC quashes ED summons to CM's wife, Minister Byrathi

Bengaluru, Mar. 8 (Agencies)- In a major relief to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife B.M. Parvathi, and Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, the High Court has quashed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summons issued to them in connection with the 50:50 site irregularities at the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Justice M. Nagaprasanna, presiding over a Single-Judge Bench, announced the order yesterday after hearing the applications filed by Parvathi and Suresh challenging the summons.

The ED is probing money laundering allegations tied to the MUDA land scam. The ED's counter was that Parvathi was the second accused in the original case — the MUDA land scam case — after the Chief Minister and that she may have received proceeds of crime.

Senior Advocate Sandeep J. Chowta, representing Parvathi, argued that the 14 sites in question were returned to MUDA on Oct. 1, 2024 — well before the ED launched its probe.

He contended that since the sites were no longer in possession of the accused, the case did not fall under the purview of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), which requires the proceeds of crime to be utilised for further illegal activities.

Chowta further pointed out that, apart from the 14 sites, the ED was investigating 1,708 other sites, with 160 of them temporarily confiscated.

(See HC QUASHES on page 11)

Women's Day Greetings

Greetings from *Star of Mysore* to all its women readers on the occasion of International Women's Day.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

Women at the helm: Nurturing academics and administration

On the occasion of International Women's Day, it is essential to acknowledge the growing influence of women in leadership, particularly in administrative and decision-making roles.

Across various sectors, women are not just breaking barriers but also occupying the actual seat of power — shaping policies, driving change and leading institutions. One such remarkable leader in academic administration is M.K. Savitha, who currently serves as the Registrar of the University of Mysore (UoM).

***Star of Mysore* caught up with this extraordinary woman to gain insights about the academic administration.** *Excerpts:*

M.K. Savitha, Registrar, University of Mysore

By Shadan Muneer

Star of Mysore (SOM): UoM stands as one of the most prestigious and historic universities. What are your thoughts on assuming the role of Registrar?

M.K. Savitha: I am honoured and feel a deep sense of responsibility. I firmly believe that education is the cornerstone of progress, shaping both individuals and society. With extensive experience in university administration, my commitment is to enhance academic excellence, student welfare, and the overall learning environment. My focus will be on fostering innovation, accessibility and inclusivity.

SOM: UoM is currently experiencing a significant shortfall of approximately 70 percent in its permanent faculty. How do you plan to tackle this?

Savitha: We recognise the urgency of addressing the faculty shortage and are actively working to secure Government approvals for filling vacancies. We are engaging qualified guest lecturers and inviting retired professors to contribute. Additionally, we are exploring collaborations with industries and private institutions to secure funding for additional faculty positions. To bridge the gap, we are also leveraging digital platforms to enhance academic delivery.

SOM: How do you ensure accuracy and confidentiality of students' academic records?

Savitha: Our secure digital database is accessible only to authorised personnel, and we adhere to strict data protection protocols. To prevent breaches and ensure integrity, we conduct regular audits, use encryption technology, and implement multi-layered security measures. We also have backup systems in place to prevent data loss and provide continuous training to staff in handling student records, ensuring they maintain the highest security standards.

SOM: Some departments have not received even the minimum number of admissions for postgraduate courses. What initiatives would you suggest?

Savitha: We are implementing targeted awareness campaigns that highlight the career prospects and industry relevance. We are also introducing scholarships, financial incentives and flexible learning formats to make these courses more accessible. Additionally, we are revising and updating course content to better align with evolving industry demands. Collaborating with our strong alumni network, we aim to promote these programmes and inspire prospective students to explore diverse academic opportunities.

SOM: How do you handle student grievances related to academic issues, including appeals and disciplinary matters?

Savitha: Student grievances, whether related to academics, appeals or disciplinary matters, are addressed through a structured redressal system. A dedicated grievance cell reviews complaints and ensures fair and timely resolutions. Academic appeals are evaluated by a transparent committee that follows university policies, allowing students to express their concerns freely.

Disciplinary matters are handled with a focus on fairness while upholding academic integrity. Additionally, we conduct regular feedback sessions to continuously improve the grievance redressal process and create a student-friendly environment.

SOM: What strategies do you use to build a positive relationship with students?

Savitha: Establishing a constructive and supportive relationship with students is essential for their academic success and personal growth. We encourage open communication, regular feedback sessions and mentorships to foster a sense of belonging.

Student advisory committees play a key role in bridging the gap between students and administration. Additionally, we provide access to career counselling, mental health resources and extracurricular activities to create a well-rounded and inclusive university experience.

SOM: The University of Mysore attracts a significant number of foreign students. What strategies would you recommend to further enhance international student enrolment?

Savitha: UoM has built a strong reputation globally, drawing international students due to its academic excellence and rich cultural heritage. To further boost enrolment, we are working on expanding global outreach efforts, increasing scholarships and enhancing campus facilities. Additionally, cultural exchange, industry collaborations and strategic online marketing will play a crucial role in fostering diversity and strengthening our global standing.

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Professional journey

A 2004 batch KAS officer, Savitha's journey is one of perseverance and dedication. She pursued her undergraduate studies at Maharani's College and obtained a postgraduate degree in Geography from the University of Mysore, along with a B.Ed. from KSOU.

Before clearing the KAS examination, she worked as a part-time lecturer at several universities, shaping young minds in the process.

Hailing from a small village in K.R. Pet taluk, Savitha's career began in a rural setting at Pandavapura before expanding to various administrative roles, including MUDA, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the Tourism Department. Over the years, she has risen through the ranks, holding positions such as Assistant Commissioner, Additional Divisional Commissioner and Tahsildar for multiple taluks.

With two years of experience as Joint Director in the Tourism Department, Savitha is a well-rounded individual who balances professional and personal life with passion. An avid reader, yoga enthusiast and passionate cook, she seamlessly balances leadership and family life.

VOICE OF THE READER

Waste management Vs public apathy

Sir,

Recently, while walking through the streets of Mysuru, I have noticed a growing amount of plastic waste and other litter. Mysuru, once renowned for its cleanliness, is gradually losing its charm and turning into a city plagued by trash. Previously, every Ward within the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits had designated garbage containers placed every few streets for waste disposal. However, this system is no longer in place.

Now, municipal workers collect waste door-to-door, but they refuse to accept it unless it is properly segregated into wet and dry waste. In some instances, workers reportedly demand money to collect the waste.

As a result, many residents have reverted to the old habit of dumping trash on the streets instead of handing it over to waste collection vehicles. MCC workers then gather this waste, pile it up and burn it on the streets, contributing to pollution and harming nearby trees.

I urge the residents of Mysuru to hand over their waste to MCC workers and support efforts to keep our city clean. I also request civic workers to educate the public on proper waste segregation and disposal. The MCC must take all necessary steps to restore and maintain the city's cleanliness.

By working together, we can not only keep our surroundings clean but also reduce pollution and safeguard our environment.

—Dayananda

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Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (KS)- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC) has taken up fourth quarterly maintenance works at 220/66/11KV Hootagalli Receiving Centre coming under V.V. Mohalla Division, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Mar. 9) between 6 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Surroundings of Automotive Axel, road next to Rane Madras, H.T. Reckitt & Benckiser, Koorgalli Industrial Area, Hootagalli Industrial Area, Old Lunars, Theorem, Spectra Pipes, Varsha Cables, L&T, Wipro Lights, Sriram Engineers, Rajat Battery, RPG Cables, Gmmco, SPI, M PRO Concretes, Damden Apartment, Hinkal Ashraya Yojana & surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer (EE), CESC, VV Mohalla Division.

WOMAN WITH WINGS

Vinattaa Rao

Transforming Lives Through Empowerment and Purpose

In a world where personal and professional challenges often hold people back, one Woman entrepreneur is helping individuals break barriers and unlock their true potential.

VINATTAA RAO, a transformational mentor and empowerment facilitator, has dedicated her life to guiding people toward self-discovery, confidence and success. A hospitality graduate from Christ University and an MBA graduate from Swinburne University Australia, Vinattaa's journey into coaching and mentoring was driven by her passion for empowering individuals, especially women, to overcome limitations and embrace their full potential. Through her unique approach, she blends mindset coaching, emotional healing and strategic mentorship to help people navigate life's challenges with clarity and purpose. As the founder of **"Women with Wings"** and **"Akar," Vinattaa** has built platforms that support **personal transformation** and support for **women focusing** on self development. These initiatives have touched the lives of many, helping them find confidence, independence, and fulfilment.**"Women with Wings"** is designed to uplift and support women on their personal and professional journeys. **Vinattaa** equips women with the tools they need to succeed. Her initiative has become a beacon of hope for those looking to step into their power and redefine their futures.

With **"Akar,"** a brand that was conceptualised by **Vinattaa** that integrates alternative healing practises with **wellness programs to promote emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being. This initiative offers personalized coaching, healing sessions, and wellness programs** that help individuals achieve balance and transformation. Recognising the critical importance of mental health,**Vinattaa** supports projects aimed at raising awareness and reducing stigma associated with mental health. She supports campaigns and community initiatives that address mental well-being. Through educational workshops, therapy-based programs, and advocacy efforts, she is working to reduce stigma and promote **mental resilience in society. Vinattaa** is paving the way for a new era of self-awareness, confidence and leadership. Her impact has been recognized by various organizations, and she continues to be a guiding light for individuals seeking transformation. **Vinattaa Rao's mission is far from over.** She envisions expanding her mentorship programs to reach a global audience, ensuring that more individuals can access the tools for personal and professional growth. Her unwavering commitment to **empowerment, wellness and mental health** advocacy is shaping a more confident, resilient, and fulfilled society. In a world that often demands conformity,

Vinattaa Rao stands as a **symbol of courage**, authenticity, and transformation. Through her mentorship and initiatives, she is not just changing lives-she is building a movement of empo-wered individuals ready to create their own success stories.

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On this Women's Day, I just want to say:

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*I am **Bernice Vijayan**, the founder of Kayel. My journey has been one of resilience and passion, driven by my love for handlooms and natural fabrics. Colors and textures inspire me, and Kayel is my way of bringing that inspiration to life.*

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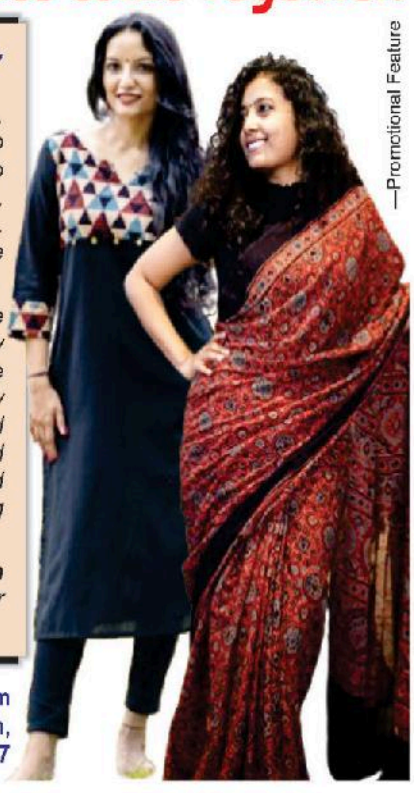

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

Will marriage as an institution survive the test of times?

Prof. Satyan

Family as a single unit is breaking up both in urban and rural areas due to the compulsion of individual profession, career-building efforts and his or her own family. This has given birth to what is now called a 'nuclear family' where parents are separated. In this article Prof. K.V. Satyan takes a look at the future of marriage as an Institution. —Ed

By Prof. K.V. Satyan

A child enters the world (legally) through a family. For the family to be meaningful, the marriage must hold the participants firmly. Unfortunately, **family as a unit is destroyed** by thoughts of urbanisation giving rise to old age homes. Increasingly modern youth have failed to carry the idea of caring for their parents with love and respect.

The family breaks apart. **Besides this, some less fortunate children grow up watching their parental squabbles over trivial issues, resulting in trauma and lack of trust in the concepts of marriage and family. They are disillusioned in marriage as a lifelong bond with commitment and decency.**

People say marriages are made in heaven and well maybe they are. But the important thing is that we have to keep them intact here on earth. Marriage will give an opportunity to realise that kind of love, unconditional in nature, a love that transcends time, adverse circumstances and ego.

I want to recall what Emily Brontë has said in her famous novel, Wuthering Heights, "If all else perished and he remained I should still continue to be, and if all else remained and he were annihilated, the universe would turn to a mighty stranger." **I am sure the younger generation would love to say this but in modern times, marriage as an institution is threatened by divorce, promiscuity, sexual deviation and lack of religious conviction, opening the gates for morbid social and psychological complications.**

Further, marriage is diversifying with different people entering into marriage for different reasons, often times **with hidden agendas.** Other factors affecting marriage are **economic factors** like the burden of raising a family with inadequate incomes. The lady has to pitch in to balance the adverse situations, by taking up a job.

Such societal challenges result in individualism and gender roles and obviously more focus on career advancement against family responsibilities.

It is seen that women desire to be self-sufficient regarding social or financial requirements. Some consider marriage as restrictive in nature and a road block. I want to quote, relevant to this argument, some lines from Shakespeare's Henry The VI, Act V Scene V :

FOR WHAT IS WEDLOCK FORCED BUT A HELL

AN AGE-OLD DISCORD AND CONTINUAL STRIFE

It is however not my belief about marriage. Dating a colleague and extra marital affairs, by either of the spouses, once foreign to oriental values (considered immoral) are now being accepted as inevitable developments with societal changes.

Many will agree that marriage is a complex, multifaceted experience with emphasis on truth (loyalty) unwavering commitment as opposed to **FICKLE ATTRACTIONS** and so marriage has potential for both **GREAT JOY AND DEEP PAIN.**

Understanding marriage as a partnership and not as a competition will help. Communication and collaboration are the prime cornerstones here. How wonderfully relevant and meaningful, are the words of CHARLES DICKENS:

"Come let's be a comfortable couple and take care of each other ! How glad we shall be, that we have some body we are always fond of, to talk to and sit with."

At the same time, we can't be ignorant of same sex marriages, live in relationships etc., as other realities and challenges for the success of traditional (heterosexual) marriages.

Netherlands in the year 2000, legalised Gay marriages, later some European countries followed suit. It is said that 29 out of 129 countries have legalised same sex marriage.

All over the world the attitudes and opinions have changed over the years dramatically with respect to marriage. **However, traditional marriages attempt to create naturally enduring mother, father, child bonding units.**

While prioritising personal goals, before getting married, youngsters should realise that Happy Marriages always come in a package with boundless friendship, trust, respect, commitment, communication, as units of a mindset.

MARRIAGE IS NOT A SOLO PERFORMANCE BUT IT IS A DUET WHERE THE SPOUSE IS A TEAMMATE AND NOT A RIVAL.

Nurturing academics and administration

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SOM: What are your thoughts on the current education system for girls in India?

Savitha: India has made significant strides in girls' education, thanks to initiatives like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, free education schemes and scholarships. However, challenges persist, particularly in rural areas, where factors like dropout rates, early marriages, and safety concerns hinder progress. To bridge these gaps, increased investment in infrastructure, awareness campaigns, safe transportation, hostel facilities, and nutritional support through midday meals is essential.

SOM: Women are increasingly excelling in fields traditionally dominated by men. Additionally, how do you balance your personal and professional life?

Savitha: Women are breaking barriers, proving their capabilities in traditionally male-dominated fields. While this marks progress towards gender equality, challenges such as workplace discrimination and unequal opportunities persist.

Balancing personal and professional responsibilities requires effective time management, setting clear priorities, and maintaining a strong support system. I believe in self-care, delegation and mindful planning.

SOM: What does Women's Day mean to you?

Savitha: Women's Day is not just about celebration; it is a reminder of the continuous effort needed to uplift, empower and support women. While it is a great occasion to recognise women's achievements, the real impact comes from sustained efforts throughout the year. True progress happens when equality, respect and opportunities for women are prioritised every day, not just on March 8.

JSS AHER hosts Research Scholars' Conference in Health and Life Sciences

FROM LEFT: ***Dr. V. Balamuralidhara, Coordinator, IPR Cell; Dr.B. Madhu, Deputy Dean (Research), JSS AHER, Mysuru; Dr. S. Chandan, Deputy Dean (Research), JSS AHER; Dr. Prashant M. Vishwanath, Dean (Research), JSS AHER; Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER; Dr. Gareth Cave, Principal Lecturer, School of Science & Technology Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom; Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha; Dr. B Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER; Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER; Dr. Vikram Patil, Dy. Dean (Research), JSS AHER and Dr. Sheeba Pakkan, Bibliometrician, JSS AHER seen releasing the conference souvenir.***

Mysuru, Mar. 8- The two-day Research Scholars' Conference in Health Sciences and Life Sciences - 2025 was inaugurated recently at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS Medical College, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru.

With the theme "Frontiers in Health and Life Sciences: Innovations, Challenges, and Future Directions," the conference brought together over 450 participants, including researchers, academicians and industry experts, to discuss ground-breaking innovations and emerging trends in health and life sciences.

The event featured 286 poster presentations and 104 oral presentations, showcasing the latest research advancements.

In his Presidential address, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, emphasised that the conference is structured around key areas shaping the future of research in India and its applications in healthcare and life sciences.

He highlighted the importance of such events in fostering self-reliance and excellence in higher education and research.

Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER, stressed the necessity of embracing technology, stating that "time, tide and technology wait for none."

He urged researchers to actively contribute to technological advancements.

Dr. Gareth Cave, Principal Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University, UK, underscored the strong research collaborations with Indian students and reaffirming his commitment to continuing research partnerships with JSS AHER.

The event also marked the launch of the EBSCO suite website for JSS AHER and the release of the conference souvenir. Additionally, JSS AHER's Top 2% Stanford Scientists were felicitated in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, VC; Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar; Dr. Prashant M. Vishwanath, Dean; Dr. B. Madhu; Dr. S. Chandan; Dr. Vikram Patil, Deputy Dean; Dr. Sheeba Pakkan, Bibliometrician; and Dr. V. Balamuralidhar, Co-ordinator, IPR Cell, were present.

Women's Day celebrated at Ranga Rao Memorial School

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar was the chief guest at the International Women's Day celebrated at Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled this morning. Also present were R. Guru, Chairman of NR Foundation, along with Jannavi Murthy and Savitha Ranga, members of the Ranga family.

POOJA HARSHA PAVES THE WAY FOR WOMEN IN KICKBOXING

As the world celebrates International Women's Day 2025 under the theme "Accelerate Action," Mysurean Pooja Harsha stands as a shining example of how determination, leadership, and relentless effort can transform the landscape of women's sports.

A trailblazer in Indian kickboxing, she has not only broken barriers but has also created a legacy of empowerment for countless women across the country.

Pooja Harsha's journey in kickboxing is marked by groundbreaking achievements. She made history as the first woman in Asia to be elected as a WAKO World Member of the Women in Sport Committee in 2019 in Antalya, Turkey. Her leadership continued to soar when she became the first woman to be appointed as the State Chief (Karnataka) of WAKO India in 2021, a position held across 28 states and 8 Union Territories.

Her contributions to the sport are immense. She has successfully introduced kickboxing in 23 districts of Karnataka and has played a crucial role in the State's consistent success at national championships. Under her leadership, WAKO Karnataka has secured the Runner-up Trophy for three consecutive years at the National Kickboxing Championship.

Her impact extends beyond competitive victories. She has

produced a world champion in the WAKO Youth Kickboxing World Championship, six Asian Kickboxing medalists, 180 international medalists, and 1,400 national medalists. Her trainings have nurtured over 10,000 kickboxers, empowering young athletes to reach new heights.

Early inspiration, passion and dedication

Born to parents Hari Das and T.K. Janaky, Pooja attributes her success to her father, who instilled in her a love for martial arts. Her journey began at the age of seven, inspired by action films and driven by a passion for combat sports.

She started training in karate in 1997 under Hanshi Srinivas Gowda, who played a crucial role in shaping her martial arts foundation, ensuring gender equality in training sessions.

A decorated athlete, Pooja holds a 4th Dan Black Belt in Karate and has won numerous medals at national, State, and district-level championships. Her unwavering dedication has made her a formidable force in martial arts, paving the way for the next generation of female athletes.

Empowering women

Pooja Harsha's contributions go beyond the ring. She has actively conducted free self-defence workshops for corporate companies, Police departments, NGOs, medical colleges, NCC students, schools, and colleges. Notably, she has partnered with Zee Kannada Spandana Foundation to extend these training programmes to a broader audience.

In a bid to further Accelerate Action, Pooja is currently conducting self-defence workshops and kickboxing basic training across 23 districts of Karnataka in collaboration with the Fit India Mission under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. These initiatives, held in partnership with universities, NGOs, and Self-Help Groups, promote physical fitness, mental well-being, healthy nutrition, and social inclusion under the theme "Stronger Her, Healthier Future."

Pooja Harsha's relentless efforts in advancing women's participation in kickboxing and self-defence highlight the essence of this year's International Women's Day theme. By championing resilience, equality, and empowerment, she has become an inspiration for countless women, proving that with the right support and determination, no goal is out of reach.

Kickboxing career and coaching

- Pooja's husband, Harsha Shankar, introduced her to kickboxing in 2014.
- Harsha Shankar is a Mysuru-based WAKO India Senior National Coach, an Asian Kickboxing Bronze Medalist, and the Founder and Head Coach of ASD Fight Club.
- Pooja has trained under international kickboxing coaches, including experts from Russia and Italy.
- She holds a WAKO 2nd Degree Black Belt in the K1 style.
- She is South India's first certified woman kickboxing coach.
- She is the first woman from South India to become a WAKO International Referee in Ring Sports.
- She is the first woman in India to introduce WAKO Kickboxing at the elementary school level, implementing the sport in 16 schools across Mysuru and Bengaluru.
- Her daughter, Shreshta Shankar, a Grade 5 student at St. Lawrence International School, is the youngest kickboxer to receive a 1st Degree Black Belt. She is also an international bronze medalist in kickboxing.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

A heartfelt letter from the first Woman Chairperson of CII, Mysuru, who is moving cities to pursue her ambitions...

Ambition should be... Expected not Excused

Hey, I have some news — I'm relocating to Luxembourg!"

I say it again, still getting used to the weight of those words. A new country, a new role, a new adventure — a whirlwind of emotions — as I feel excited, nervous, curious and maybe just a little wait, am I really doing this?

And then come the questions.

"Will your husband move with you?" Nope.

"What did your parents say?" They're proud.

"And your in-laws?" Also proud.

"But is your husband okay with it?"

This one always makes me pause. Yes, of course, he is. Shouldn't he be? I answer, sometimes with a smile, sometimes amused, sometimes just… reflecting. And after the interrogation ends, I finally say, "Now that we've covered all that, you could also congratulate me. Or maybe ask how I feel?"

It intrigues me — this idea that a woman's success must first pass through family approval. That before celebrating her, we must confirm that no one around her is unsettled. That ambition in a woman is not just hers to own — it must be justified.

Supriya Salian, Managing Director, Plansee India High Performance Materials.

Yet, I've never had to choose. My parents raised my sister and I to believe we could do anything. My in-laws never questioned my career. My daughter has never asked why I work, travel or lead. And my husband, my best friend since I was 16, has always stood beside me, cheering me on — sometimes even joking, "Ah, back to bachelor life again!"

Still, I realise how rare that is. When I became the first woman Chairperson of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Mysuru Zone, for the year 2022-23, I remember thinking, Why haven't more women done this before? Not because they couldn't — but because they weren't told they could.

And so, as I step into this new chapter, I think about how often women are defined in relation to others — as daughters, mothers, wives first and as individuals second. But I am all of those things, and I am also me.

As yet another Women's Day arrives — I truly hope for a world where a woman's success doesn't come with a list of questions. Where ambition is expected, not excused.

So, I move forward — not just to a new role, a new country — but into a space where I can simply be. Where choices need no validation — no explanation. Because isn't that the future we should all be working towards?

Mysore Open Forum debates Donald Trump's Presidency, global power shifts

Seen in the picture are** (from left) Star of Mysore **and** Mysuru Mithra **Founder-Editor Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, Joint Secretary (retd.) to the Government of India Ravi Joshi and Political Activist Maj. Gen. (retd.) S.G. Vombatkere during the panel discussion on 'President Trump and the Challenge to World Order' organised by Mysore Open Forum (MOF) at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, Vijayanagar in city this morning. Picture right shows a section of audience.

Mysuru, Feb. 8 (BLU&VNS)- Mysore Open Forum (MOF) hosted a panel discussion on 'President Trump and the Challenge to World Order' at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium in Vijayanagar this morning.

The event featured *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, Political Activist Maj. Gen. (retd.) S.G. Vombatkere, and Retired Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ravi Joshi, who shared their insights on the topic.

In his address, Ganapathy provided a comprehensive overview of Donald Trump's early life, academic background, and political career.

He analysed Trump's policies during his previous tenure as U.S. President and discussed his approach in the ongoing 47th Presidency.

He elaborated on the Trump administration's stance on illegal immigration, birthright citizenship, and other key domestic policies. Additionally, he examined the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the rise of Russia and China as global superpowers, challenging U.S. dominance.

Following his address, Maj. Gen. S.G. Vombatkere spoke on the impact of World War II, the formation of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and its role in shaping global geopolitics. The discussion concluded with a talk by Ravi Joshi, who offered further insights into international affairs and strategic challenges.

Students should not take exams lightly: UoM Evaluation Registrar

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (GA&DM)- University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar (Evaluation) Dr. N. Nagaraja said that exams are a turning point in one's life and as such students should not take the exams lightly.

He was speaking after inaugurating the day-long workshop on 'Examination Reforms,' an initiative of IQAC at JSS College for Women in Saraswathipuram here on Thursday.

Noting that there have been considerable reforms in the exam system in the last two decades, Dr. Nagaraja said importance is being given for student-oriented education and evaluation.

"Before the year 2004, it was difficult to pass exams. There are many instances where students who passed out in second class became rank holders in several subjects. Also, the pass percentage too was low," he recalled.

Maintaining that the introduction of semester system lessened the burden on students, he said that this system also enabled students to score marks easily, he pointed out.

"Exams should not be like a battle field. There are many changes that can be seen in the changeover to semester scheme. The semester and exams are not the parameters to assess the students learning outcomes. Hence I advise students to be active throughout the academic duration to achieve the set learning outcomes," Dr. Nagaraja said.

"The students should be identified by their calibre, expertise and smartness and not by their marks cards," he argued.

He also advised students to be SMART and SMILE and explained that S stands for Strategy Thinking, M - Measurable Goals, A - Attainable Goals, R - Realistic Goals, T - Timing and S - Study the situation, M - Meet the crises, I - Interaction with the conflict, L - Learning and E - Execution.

Chief guest Dr. H. Vishwanatha, Registrar (Evaluation), Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), addressed the gathering by quoting Basavanna's *vachana* and explained how it inspires the people to lead a successful life. He maintained that teachers play a vital role like a candle in the life of students.

He explained that learning is a continuous process where teachers can also learn from students.

Dr. M.N. Narasimhamurthy, Statistician (Retd), Examination Reforms Cell, UoM, in his Presidential address, highlighted that the Education and Examination system were introduced by the British. He opined that conducting examination is not an easy task.

B. Niranjana Murthy, Assistant Director, College Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Principal Dr. Rechanna, Controller of Examinations M.M. Swamy and others were present.

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Empowering Women

The Path to a Stronger India

On this International Women's Day, while women's safety remains a pressing issue, there's no denying the significant progress in women's empowerment and financial independence.

Though these changes are more visible in urban India, they will inevitably trickle down to rural areas, transforming society as a whole.

For true liberation, women — like everyone else — must possess a fundamental trait: Courage — the courage to carve their own path, to make choices unshackled by societal constraints and to stand firm in those decisions.

However, courage alone is not enough; it must be fortified by education and economic independence.

These twin forces enable women to exercise agency over their lives with confidence and conviction.

An educated woman who gains autonomy over her life can manage her finances, choose her partner and decide if and when she wants to have children.

This shift not only challenges deep-seated patriarchal mindsets but also erodes the excessive moral policing that has long constrained women. And the impact isn't just social — it's economic too.

A 2015 study titled '*The Power of Parity: Advancing Women's Equality in Asia Pacific*' found that even a modest 10 percent increase in women's workforce participation could boost India's GDP by a staggering 770 billion Dollars.

The benefits extend to individual families as well: Dual-income households enjoy better healthcare, improved education for children, and an overall higher quality of life compared to single-income families in the same peer group.

Of course, absentee parent can be an issue but it can be solved with a parenting style appropriate to the demands of modern life.

That does not take away the fact that when women gain access to education, they naturally gravitate toward opportunities that improve their lives and those of their families.

This is where wealth creation begins. The Government must recognise this and invest effectively in fostering women-led entrepreneurship.

Encouragingly, Indian women entrepreneurs have a proven track record of success. A remarkable 80-90 percent of women entrepreneurs repay their loans, compared to a mere 30-40 percent of male borrowers.

Recognising this, the Indian Government launched the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) in 2018, spearheaded by NITI Aayog.

However, one challenge persists — many women allow their husbands to take over these financial resources, reducing themselves to proxies.

The real battle is not just about access to capital but ensuring that women retain control over their businesses.

Traditionally, Indian women were the backbone of household savings, a critical driver of the country's economic stability. However, with declining household savings, it is now essential to integrate women into the workforce and ignite their entrepreneurial potential.

Interestingly, the hospitality sector provides an inspiring case study. Just two days ago, Airbnb reported that Indian women entrepreneurs earned Rs. 260 crore in 2024 by hosting their homes on the platform. Today, nearly 30 percent of Airbnb hosts in India are women.

Despite these advancements, women entrepreneurs still face scepticism, particularly from financial institutions which deny women credit, assuming their family responsibilities will hinder business success.

However, these biases are unfounded according to Dr. B.R. Pai, the Chairman and Managing Director of Vijay Wires and Filaments Pvt. Ltd. in Mysuru, who says women are naturally designed to be entrepreneurs. He outlined six key reasons:

1. Risk-taking mindset: From a young age, women are prepared for change, knowing they must one day leave their parental home and build a new one.

2. Versatility: A successful entrepreneur juggles multiple roles, just as a woman manages her household, balancing finance, relationships, and logistics.

3. Leadership at home: Women inherently run their households, making critical financial and emotional decisions that shape their families.

4. Drive to succeed: Women often have fewer freedoms growing up, making them more determined to seize opportunities when they arise.

5. Patience and resilience: Women handle multiple relationships — managing in-laws, children, and spouses — skills that translate well into entrepreneurship.

Dr. Pai may be right, but as more and more households become dual-income, traditional gender roles are evolving, reshaping marriage dynamics and the role of women in the workforce.

That said, one fact remains: Societies where women are educated and contribute economically tend to be more progressive, prosperous and stable.

An educated and financially empowered woman doesn't just build a better future for herself — she raises better children and ultimately, fosters a more just, equitable and progressive society.

This Women's Day, let us hope the Government understands that investing in women is investing in the nation's future.

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All-women crew runs Mysuru-Jaipur Express

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With 22 bogies, the Jaipur Express is scheduled to reach its destination on March 10 at 6 am. To mark the occasion, the platform and the front portion of the train were adorned with festive decorations.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* before departure, Sijina and Krishnaveni expressed their excitement at steering a long-distance train connecting Karnataka and Rajasthan. "We have undergone rigorous training and have been mentored well to ensure passenger safety and the train's timely arrival and departure," they said, thanking the South Western Railway for the opportunity.

A grand reception was organised for the all-women Jaipur Express in Bengaluru. Additionally, the Bengaluru Division ran Train No. 20624 KSR Bengaluru-Mysuru Malgudi Express with an all-women crew, which departed Bengaluru at 1.50 pm.

Range of activities

The SWR has launched International Women's Day 2025 celebrations with a range of engaging and empowering events aimed at recognising the contributions of women and fostering an inclusive workplace culture across all its divisions.

This year's theme, 'Accelerate Action for Gender Equality,' highlights the ongoing efforts to bridge gender gaps and ensure equal opportunities for women globally. At SWR, this theme holds special significance as women continue to break barriers and make impactful contributions across operational, technical and leadership roles.

From track maintainers, technicians and loco pilots, to senior section engineers and Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs), women are playing crucial roles in railway operations, ensuring efficiency, safety and excellence in service delivery.

South Western Railway remains committed to fostering a work environment free from gender discrimination, where women are encouraged to take on challenging roles and leadership positions.

Celebrations at SWR headquarters

The South Western Railway (SWR) Headquarters marked International Women's Day with a series of activities aimed at celebrating and empowering its women employees.

Sports events such as badminton and throwball competitions were organised to promote fitness, teamwork and camaraderie. A Rangoli competition showcased vibrant designs focusing on themes of women's empowerment and safety, highlighting participants' creativity.

In the culinary display competition, women employees exhibited their culinary talents by preparing diverse cuisines, reflecting their passion for food and culture. Additionally, a flower decoration contest encouraged artistic expression, with participants crafting intricate floral arrangements.

Divisional-level celebrations

The celebrations extended across South Western Railway's Bengaluru, Hubballi and Mysuru Divisions, where various events were conducted to honour the occasion.

Sports activities, including badminton, throwball and chess tournaments, encouraged participation and team spirit among women employees. Creative competitions such as rangoli, mehendi and nail art contests provided a platform for artistic expression.

A unique fireless cooking competition also challenged participants to showcase innovative culinary ideas without the use of open flames.

Special initiatives for women's health

Prioritising women's health, the Mysuru Division took a proactive approach by organising several wellness initiatives. A bone mineral density test was conducted to assess bone health and detect early signs of osteoporosis.

A breast cancer screening camp was set up to promote awareness and early detection of the disease.

Additionally, a session on obesity and stress management, scheduled for March 8, aims to provide valuable insights into maintaining a healthy lifestyle, stress management techniques and overall well-being.

HC quashes ED summons to CM's wife, Minister Byrathi

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He argued that the agency was exceeding its jurisdiction by delving into broader issues like land acquisition and conversion, which are unrelated to money laundering.

He also noted that the ED's investigation was interfering with an ongoing Lokayukta probe into the case. Interestingly, while the ED has seized 160 sites, the 14 sites returned to MUDA have not been confiscated. Moreover, the Lokayukta Police had already filed a B-report, stating that there was no evidence to establish any illegalities involving Parvathi or the other accused.

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Youth must lead the fight to save forests: Suresh Heblikar

Mysuru, Mar.8 (GA&TRR)- Environmental activist and Kannada film actor Suresh Heblikar has urged the youth to take up the responsibility of protecting forests, emphasising that their role is crucial in environmental conservation.

Speaking at a convention of Mysuru Division Rovers and Rangers, organised by the Mysuru District Bharat Scouts and Guides at K. Puttaswamy First Grade College, Gokulam 3rd Stage, yesterday, Heblikar expressed concern over the destruction of fertile agricultural lands.

"Fertile lands are being subjected to modern slavery, and the Western Ghats — which have enriched our State and culture — are being exploited. Greedy individuals are cutting down forests to grow commercial crops like areca nut and rubber. The responsibility to protect these forests now rests with the youth," he said, while also lamenting the growing obsession with artificial intelligence.

He further cautioned against the unchecked force of technology overshadowing environmental concerns. "Greenery is an inseparable part of our lives, and there is an urgent need to raise awareness about its preservation. In Bengaluru alone, there are over 11 lakh borewells, with 1,000 more being drilled daily. Lakes and ponds are vanishing, and if this continues, future generations will bear the consequences," he warned.

Pointing out that 80 percent of the earth is covered by water, Heblikar stressed that the 8 billion human beings on the planet must learn to share resources with other living beings.

"Environmental preservation is not just about saving trees and wildlife; a clean and healthy environment is essential for all living beings, including humans," he concluded.

Writer Prof. C. Naganna, State Assistant Commissioner of Bharat Scouts and Guides B.K. Basavaraja, State Vice-President Pushpavalli, District Chief Commissioner P. Vishwanath, Secretary Abdul Zameel, and College Principal M. Shivalingegowda were present.

AIR, Mysuru turns 90, staff take out cycle jatha

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (MTY&TRR)- The staff of Akashavani (All India Radio (AIR)) Mysuru took out a cycle jatha in the city as AIR Mysuru completed its 90 years of meaningful journey, yesterday.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. P. Shivaraju flagged off the cycle jatha from the premises of Kote Sri Anjaneyaswamy temple in the city.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC said that AIR Mysuru which is celebrating 90 years of meaningful existence has won hearts of millions of listeners." It has become a household name by organising popular and thought provoking programmes. I wish that AIR Mysuru continues this tradition and increase its number of listeners in future also," added ADC Dr. Shivaraju.

The cycle jatha passed through KR circle, Devaraja Urs Road, JLB road and KRS road before culminating at AIR premises in Yadavagiri.

At 10 am, M.K. Savita, Registrar of University of Mysore inaugurated the cultural programmes by college students. MAHAN Vice-President K.S. Gururaj inaugurated the stalls opened for the event.

Dr. Prajna Palival Gaur, Director General of the News Services Division (NSD) of Akashvani, New Delhi, Deputy Director of AIR S.S. Umesh, Asst. Director T.V. Vidyashankar, Programme Announcer Dr. Mysuru Umesh and others were present.

Rotary Mysore Midtown New Team

Seen are** (sitting from left) **Rtn. N. Jaykumar, Rtn. Bhaskar Sainik, Rtn. K.L. Rakesh Babu, Rtn. S. Kumaraswamy and Rtn. T.N. Mohan Kumar;** (standing from left) **Rtn. Elizar Milton, Rtn. Dr. P. Kumar, Rtn. Bharath Kumar, Rtn. Manickam, Rtn. K.B. Harish, Rtn. Sulaiman Sait, Rtn. S. Gopinath, Rtn. R. Nagaraj and Rtn. S. Abhilash.

Mysuru, Mar. 8- The new team of Rotary Mysore Midtown was formally introduced at an event held at the Sports Club recently.

President-Elect Rtn. K.L. Rakesh Babu presented the Board of Directors. The event featured IPDG Keshav as the chief guest while DGE Rtn. Ramakrishna (first District Governor from Rotary Mysore Midtown, assuming post in Rotary Year 2025-26) unveiled the new team logo. Asst. Governor-Elect Rtn. Naveen Chandra, Zonal Lieutenant Rtn. Dr. Ravindranath along with Rotary Midtown members and guests, attended.

President-Elect Rtn. Rakesh Babu, COO and Co-Founder of Innomantra Consulting Private Limited, is an accomplished innovation coach, design thinker and functional innovation expert. An associate member of TiE Mysuru Chapter and a former member of CII's IT Panel, he is also a renowned speaker.

Honorary Secretary-Elect Rtn. Bhaskar Sainik is a versatile entrepreneur. He leads Shri Sainik Consulting and Shri Sainik Gurukula and has made significant strides in the real estate sector through Spoorthy Properties and Shri Sainik Shelters.

BJP Mahila Morcha felicitates Kho Kho champ B. Chaithra

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (MTY&TRR)- On the eve of International Women's Day, International Kho-Kho player from Mysuru district B. Chaithra was felicitated by the State BJP Mahila Morcha at its Office in Chamarajapuram in city yesterday.

Several BJP leaders including State Mahila Morcha President C. Manjula, Vice-President Prafulla Malladi and others felicitated Chaithra.

Speaking on the occasion, Manjula said that women are achieving in all fields. "Modern women are confident of achieving in any field. Other women must get inspiration from women achievers and work hard to achieve in their chosen fields. The achievement of Kho Kho player B. Chaithra should be an inspiration to other sports-persons," she added.

A campaign for financial empowerment of women and organ donation was also held.

District BJP Mahila Morcha President Nalinigowda, former President Mangala Somashekar, Nandini, Radhika Srinath and others were present on the occasion.

Swachh Survekshan: MCC seeks opinion of former Mayors to reclaim top spot

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (RK&BS)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) that is leaving no stone unturned in reclaiming top spot in Clean City rankings, as part of the nationwide Swachh Survekshan, elicited the opinions of former Mayors in realising the efforts.

At a meeting held on Friday, Ayub Khan, Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and also a former Mayor, suggested MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, to segregate waste as dry and wet at the source level before handing over the same to door-to-door garbage collectors, to facilitate effective disposal of waste. Besides, priority should be given for the clearance of heaps of waste at Outer Ring Road (ORR), maintenance of cleanliness at public toilets and daily sweeping of public streets.

"If such measures intended at keeping the city hygienic are not taken, the efforts of MCC to reclaim numero uno position will remain a pipedream," he said.

Nowadays, Pourakarmikas are busy forming their own associations, but there is no system to track their working hours, as a system existed earlier, where the daily report was obtained on the amount of waste collected and attendance of the Pourakarmikas, said Ayub Khan, suggesting the MCC to dissuade them from not forming their own associations. The decisions taken towards keeping the city clean should be implemented, as the Environmental Engineers are not functioning on expected lines, he complained.

MCC Additional Commissioner Kusumakumari, DC (Development) K.J. Sindhu, DC (Administration) Dasegowda, DC (Revenue) J. Somashekhar former Mayors L. Dakshina Murthy, Rajeshwari Puttaswamy, R. Lingappa, Arif Hussain, Narayan, T.B. Chikkanna, Srikantaiah, Purushotham, B.L. Bhyrappa, Shivakumar, Modamani, Pushpalatha Jagannath, Pushpalatha Chikkanna, B.K. Prakash, Bhagyavathi, M. J. Ravikumar and others were present.

Youth Exchange Programme

City NCC girl Cadet selected for foreign tour

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (PM&DM)- City's NCC girl Cadet M.S. Harshitha, who bagged a Gold Medal after coming first in cultural programmes at the Republic Day celebrations held at New Delhi in January this year, has been selected for a foreign tour under the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP). She is the only NCC Cadet to have been selected from NCC Karnataka and Goa Directorate for the YEP.

Harshitha

Daughter of N. Hemalatha and M. Shivamurthy couple, residents of Saraswathipuram, Harshitha is a final year degree student of Mahajana Degree College, Jayalakshmipuram in city.

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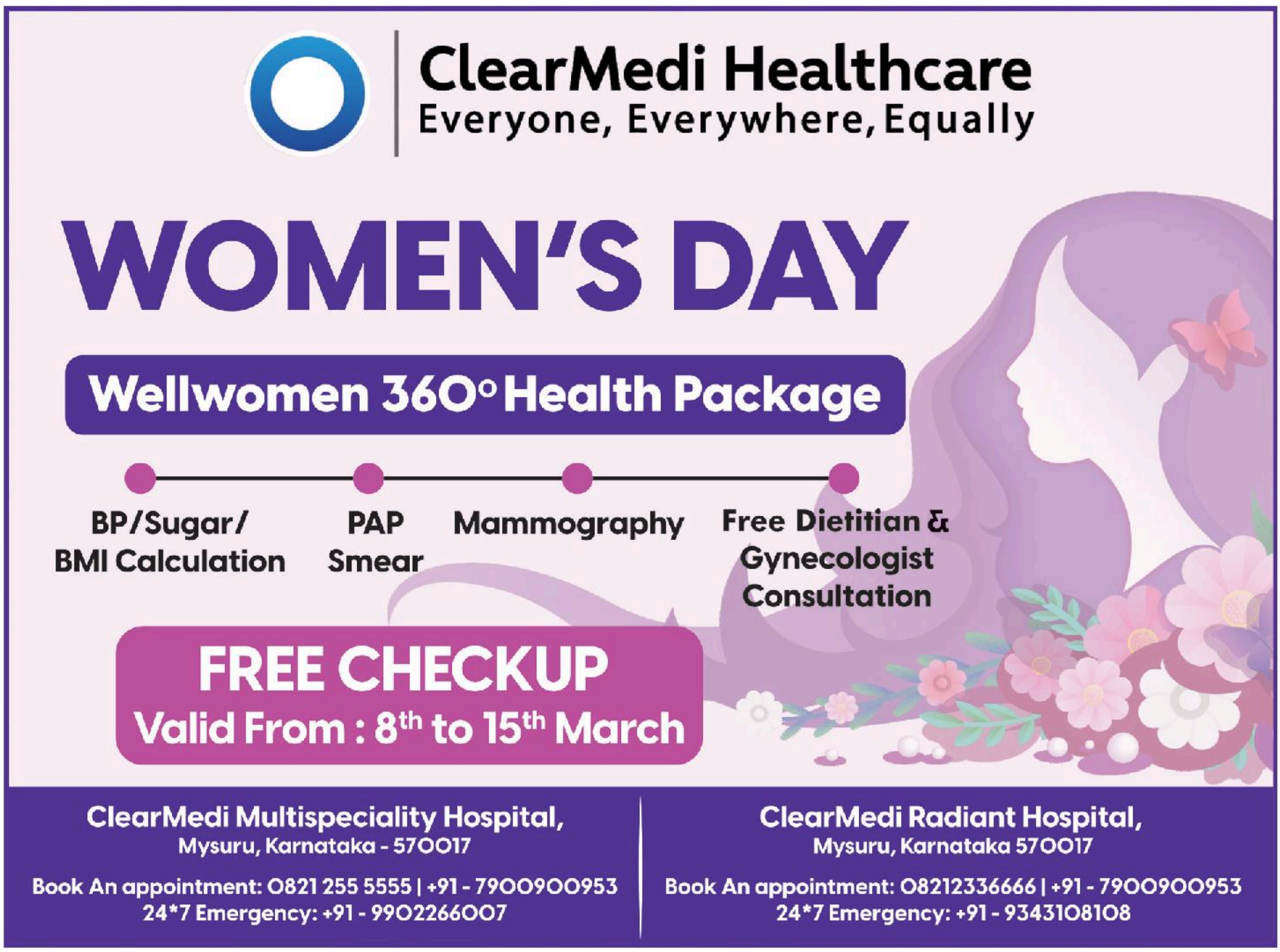
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Valedictory event

Shaikh Tanveer Asif *Malathi Priya*

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, an IAS Officer of the 2017 batch will deliver the valedictory address of the 45-day coaching camp for banking exam and other competitive exams organised by the Competitive Exams Coaching Centre of the KSOU, at Kaveri Auditorium in Mukthagangothri campus on Hunsur Road at 11 am on Mar. 12. Also, Mysuru Zone Conservator of Forest Dr. Malathi Priya, an IFS Officer of the 2008 batch, will release the study book and deliver a motivational talk. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse will preside. Registrar Prof. K.B. Praveen will be present.

Various contests for women on Mar. 16

As part of International Women's Day, city's Sakhi Foundation and Surya Charitable Trust has organised 'Sakhi Sambhrama', a women's event where different contests for women will be held at Jayalakshmidevi PU College premises in Ramakrishnanagar at 10 am on Mar. 16. The contests include rendering of old Kannada songs (before 1980), Kannada quiz involving proverbs, puzzles and riddles, desi drinks preparation, vegetable bajji making, Dosti Number 1 etc., Women aged above 20 years can take part in the contests. Interested women can register before Mar. 14 by calling Mob: 99647-90442/ 83103-06882.

Arthritis treatment

A 19-day Osteoarthritis Ayurveda treatment camp began at JSS Ayurveda College premises near Helipad on Lalithadripura in city from today. Patients suffering from osteoarthritis, arthritis, knee pain, joint pain, knuckle pain etc., can attend the camp. The camp will be open from 9 am to 4.30 pm on all the days till Mar. 26. [Mob: 79072-56203 or Ph: 0821-2548231].

Ph.D awardee

H.P. Chidambara has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Arakalagudu Talukina Gramadevathegala Samskrutihika Adhyayana.' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H.T. Venkateshamurthy.

Private layout approvals: State Govt's new hurdles slammed

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (SBD&BS)-The office-bearers of the National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), Mysuru Chapter, have strongly opposed the State Government's order mandating Government approval for the development of private residential layouts.

Urban Development (UD) Minister Byrathi Suresh recently issued an order requiring developers to seek not only the approval of local authorities such as the Urban Development Authority and Local Planning Authority but also explicit permission from the Government.

This move has drawn sharp criticism from V.C. Ravikumar, Chairman of NAREDCO, Mysuru Chapter and Treasurer A.P. Nagesh, who argue that the order has pushed the real estate sector into deeper crisis.

The administrative board of the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) already includes key officials such as the Deputy Commissioner, City Police Commissioner, Superintending Engineer, Planning Officer of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited, and representatives from the Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board.

V.C. Ravikumar *A.P. Nagesh*

Unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles

Are the MUDA Commissioner, Secretary, Land Acquisition Officer, and Superintending Engineer not part of the Government? Before a layout is developed, a thorough approval process is already in place, including site inspection, obtaining No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from CESC, the Water Board and MUDA, and a final discussion in the MUDA meeting before approval. With multiple layers of verification already in place, this additional requirement only adds unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles, they said.

Rather than simplifying the approval process, this move further complicates it. It raises questions about the Government's trust on its own officials and their functioning. Moreover, how practical is it for the Government's Principal Secretary to conduct spot inspections? If this step is truly necessary, what purpose does MUDA serve, they asked.

The real estate sector plays a crucial role in revenue generation, contributing through Goods and Services Tax (GST) to the Central Government, stamp duty to the State Government, and various departmental fees. It also supports employment, generating jobs for labourers and boosting demand for construction materials.

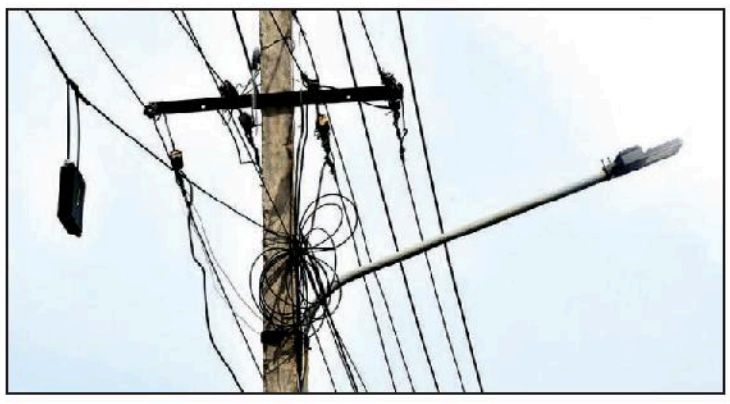
Currently, Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are already struggling with infrastructure challenges and inadequate resources. Entrepreneurs face additional hurdles, including Khata-related issues. Yet, despite these challenges, new developers are striving to create high-quality layouts that surpass those developed by MUDA, they argued.

It is unwise to impose blanket restrictions on the sector due to isolated cases of wrongdoing. The real estate industry should not be misrepresented as a 'racket'; instead, errors should be addressed individually.

A single-window clearance system should be introduced to streamline approvals and curb irregularities. Additionally, members of the Authority should be mandated to conduct spot inspections before approving projects. Regular inspections of residential layouts, along with systematic reporting, should be implemented to ensure compliance, they said.

Instead of stifling the sector with excessive red tape, the Government should focus on meaningful reforms. The recent order has sparked concern among entrepreneurs, raising suspicions that rather than ensuring transparency, it may serve as a tool for exploiting the industry, Ravikumar and Nagesh added.

Unauthorised cables on electricity poles to be removed



Mysuru, Mar. 8 (BCT)- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited has raised concerns over unauthorised dish and network cables being drawn on electricity poles in Jyothinagar, Chamundipuram, and Varuna sub-divisions under N.R. Mohalla Operations and Maintenance Division.

The CESC has issued a stern warning to cable operators, stating that such violations will result in immediate removal without prior notice. CESC emphasised that these cables, drawn without proper authorisation, pose serious electrical hazards and risk damage to public property. In the event of accidents caused by these unauthorised installations, CESC clarified that it will not be held responsible — the accountability will fall solely on the concerned cable operators.

Despite previous warnings, several cable network operators have failed to comply. CESC has now directed all operators to take immediate action. Within the next seven days, they must inspect the cables attached to electricity poles, compile an inventory and obtain approval from CESC. If any cables have been installed without authorisation, the operators must approach the respective sub-divisions, complete the formalities and pay the required fees.

Failure to comply will result in the NR Mohalla Division removing unauthorised cables without notice. CESC has made it clear that it will not be responsible for any disruptions caused by this action, according to Executive Engineer (Operations) of CESC's NR Mohalla Division.

Girijana Ashram School student dies of brain haemorrhage

Hunsur, Mar. 8 (KS)- A student died of brain haemorrhage at Nagapura Girijana Ashram School in the taluk on Mar. 4.

Surya

The deceased student is Surya (14), son of Jagannath and Lakshmamma couple of Dongri Gerasiya community and residing at Shankarapura Tribal Hamlet near Kallurappa Betta close to Hanagod in the taluk.

On Mar. 4, students were having a hair cut in the School premises and even Surya had come for a hair cut during which he went dizzy and vomited following which he was provided first-aid. After some time, Surya again vomited and School Head Master Lakshman immediately admitted him at Hunsur Government Hospital.

Following suggestions from the doctors, a scanning was done at Cauvery Hospital and based on the advice from the doctors, Surya was admitted to Cheluvamba Hospital in Mysuru, where he breathed his last in midnight.

Meanwhile, Taluk Scheduled Tribe Welfare Officer Gangadhar said that the doctors informed that Surya had died of brain haemorrhage. Surya has been studying in this School from 1st standard and his brother Manjunath too is studying in the same school.

A case has been registered at Hunsur Rural Police Station.

Elderly man goes missing

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (KS)- A 68-year-old man has gone missing since Feb. 21 from Bannur.

Bettegowda

The missing man is Bettegowda. He is 6 ft. tall, thin built and was wearing a white shirt and white dhoti at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing man may contact Bannur Police Station on Ph: 08227-275632 or call the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

Obituary

Sherly

Mysuru, Mar. 8- Sherly (63), a resident of Vijayanagar, passed away following a heart attack yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband Emmanuel Suresh Kumar, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at the Roman Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar this afternoon, according to family sources.

Research students carry out 'Haadi' studies

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (MTY&DM)- Research students from various universities who are taking part in research capacity building workshop being held at the city's Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute (KSTRI), visited some of the Haadis (Tribal Hamlets) in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve area recently and interacted with the tribal population living in hamlets.

During the interaction, the research students learnt about the lifestyle, culture, traditions and other practices followed by the tribal communities. Visiting the Gadde Haadi and Naanachhi Gadde Haadi in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve area, the students received inputs from tribals on their academic, economic, health, life and livelihood status.

KSTRI Deputy Director B.S. Prabha Urs, Dr. Mohan, Manjunath, Dr. Madhu of Gundlupet, Soliga community leader Dr. C. Madegowda, Dr. Ravikumar, B.R. Bhavya, Hemachandra, Taluk Welfare Officer Tejraj, Basavaraju, Venkatesh Prasad, community leaders J.B. Ramesh, J.S. Ramakrishna and others were present.

Researchers must be given priority: Scientist

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (GA&DM)- "Countries which have invested heavily on Science and Research have earned Global recognition. India can attain a higher speed of growth if researchers and scientists are given more prominence", said CSIR-CIMAP (Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants), Bengaluru Scientist Dinesh A. Nagegowda.

He was speaking after inaugurating the National Science Day organised by the Physics Department of KSOU in association with IQAC(Internal Quality Assurance Cell) at Cauvery auditorium in Mukthagangothri campus here recently.

"Plans must be evolved for attracting youth towards Science. It is unfortunate that many in the country do not know why the National Science Day is celebrated. Sir C.V. Raman got the Nobel Prize when the British ruled Country. But it is a paradox that no Indian Scientist has got this prestigious Prize in Science in the pro-independence era. It must be understood that scientific innovations and discoveries are a preface for realising the Prime Minister's dream of 'Viksit Bharat' concept. In this backdrop, efforts must be made for attracting Youth towards science and more measures must be taken for encouraging research", Dinesh Nagegowda said.

He also released 'Life of Science Newsletter' brought out by the KSOU on the occasion.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halase, Registrar Prof. K.B. Praveen, Finance Officer Prof. S. Niranjan, Science Section Director Suneetha, Head of the Department of Physics S.V. Niranjan, Dr. Syed Baker and others were present.

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ICST-2025 conclave strengthens global ties on sustainable technology

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (BCT)- The International Conference & Conclave on Sustainable Technology-2025 (ICST 2025) concluded on Feb. 20 at the Diamond Jubilee Sports Complex, NIE South Campus.

Organised by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, NIE Mysuru, the two-day event brought together global researchers, policymakers and industry leaders to discuss advancements in sustainability.

The Conference was inaugurated by S.E. Sudheendra, Chairman, Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board, who highlighted the role of bioenergy and sustainable policies.

Guests of honour included Dr. Ashutosh A. Murkute (Director, MGIRI, Wardha) and Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishan (Hon. Secretary, IEI India, Mysuru) and Dr. Rohini Nagapadma (Principal, NIE).

Dr. M.S. Ranganath, Hon. President, NIE Management Committee, presided over the session, emphasising NIE's commitment to research.

The event was supported by alumni, including Hareesh Ramanna (Borqs Technologies), Jayakumar Krishnaswamy (RMZ Corp), Ravishankar (EPIC Asset Management, London) and Amjad Husain (Chief Innovation Officer, NIE Mysuru).

The Conference hosted keynote addresses, panel discussions and research presentations on renewable energy, green computing, sustainable materials, robotics, e-mobility and eco-friendly infrastructure.

Experts such as Prof. Hui-Kai Su (National Formosa University, Taiwan), Dr. R. Geetha Balakrishna (Jain University, Bengaluru), Dr. Sheikh Sabor (VIT, Vellore), Prof. Bjorn Shafer (FH Dortmund, Germany), Prof. Dr. Stephan Weyers (FH Dortmund, Germany), Prof. Raj Kumar Buyya (University of Melbourne, Australia), Dr. E.V.S Kiran Kumar Donthu (National Institute of Design, India), Prof. Vinod Rajamani (FH Dortmund, Germany) and Dr. Christoph Harrach (OWL Lemgo, Germany) shared insights.

An intl. paper presentation saw 325 submissions, with 110 selected, across six thematic tracks. Best paper awards were presented for outstanding research.

The 2nd International Conclave on Sustainable Technology explored policy frameworks, innovations and sustainability education, featuring panellists such as Vinay Kulkarni (e-Com Elephant), Nalini Shekar (Hasiru Dala) and Mahesh (LTTS).

A key highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NIE Mysuru and National Formosa University, Taiwan, fostering international research collaborations.

The Conference concluded with networking sessions, company presentations and a cultural evening. Dr. Imran Jamadar, Dean - R&D and Co-Chair, presented the Conference report, acknowledging experts, participants and volunteers.

Prof. Shamsundar Subbarao, Head, NIE CREST, Mysuru, remarked, "ICST 2025 has laid a strong foundation for future collaborations and innovations in sustainable technology."

RIE expert delves on analysing teachers' performance

Mysuru, Mar. 8- Examination Section and Internal Quality Assessment Cell (IQAC) of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College (Autonomous), Jayalakshmipuram in city, had organised a workshop on 'Assessment and Evaluation: Enhancing Teaching and Learning' recently.

Dr. T.V. Somashekar, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Regional Institute of Education (RIE) - NCERT, Mysuru, was the resource person.

He said that one can look this activity in both the directions — one in teacher's perspective and another after evaluating assessment process.

"Assessment helps in setting your own standards; compare you with your own self to improve yourself. Primarily assessment is for self-improvement. Assessment is done from our own perspective whereas evaluation has some set of rules to be followed; basical assessment involves evaluation in it. The prime objective of assessment is to decipher the learning needs of students to allow them to build on their strengths and support them to overcome the gaps in learning, if any," said Dr. Somashekar.

By observing students learning and development using classroom and school based assessment strategies, he explained about the principles of assessment, learning outcomes and criterion for better assessment.

The major purpose of 'assessment is for facilitating the learning' process and 'assessment as the learning' process which encourages students to critically assess, reflect and analyse their own work by identifying the strengths and gaps in learning.

The third one is 'assessment of learning' which sets the benchmarks in learning against curricular aims and objectives, he emphasised. Teachers must know that the assessment procedure they are following must be valid and reliable.

Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Principal, Mahajana First Grade College, said, "Education is a never-ending learning process, so the teachers are always students. Every faculty members must make use of these types of programmes as it will help in evaluating students' performance both in curricular and extracurricular activities."

Shruthy Poonacha, Controller of Examination, welcomed. Sunil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of BBA, compered.

Dr. S.R. Ramesh, Chief Executive Officer & Academic Advisor, D. Geetha, IQAC coordinator and faculty members of the college were present.

Research Day-2025 at Amrita School of Dentistry

Call for integrating research into clinical practice

Mysuru, Mar. 8- Amrita School of Dentistry marked its third Annual Research Day, centring around the theme 'Oral Health: Bench to Chair - Evidence Matters.'

The event brought together faculty members, students and distinguished guests to emphasise the role of research in advancing oral healthcare.

Dr. P.R. Harikrishna Varma, Acting Director of Biomedical Wing, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum, highlighted the importance of integrating research into clinical practice.

Dr. J. Chandrashekar, Research Head, School of Dentistry, presented a progress report on the area of research.

Dr. Balagopal Varma, Principal, Amrita School of Dentistry, underscored the school's commitment to fostering a robust research culture.

In recognition of academic excellence, faculty members, UG and PG students and Ph.D scholars were felicitated for their research contributions. The event also saw a series of competitions aimed at encouraging research and intellectual engagement.

A Research Idea Incubator provided a platform for students to present innovative ideas, while a Debate Competition sparked discussions on the roles of researchers and clinicians in shaping healthcare.

A Scientific Poster Competition featured 72 participants showcasing their research findings. Additionally, a Table Clinic exhibition demonstrated key research and clinical advancements and a Quiz Competition tested participants' knowledge across various domains. Creativity took centre stage in a Reel Making Competition, where participants visually depicted the "Journey of a Researcher."

Dr. P.R. Harikrishna Varma addressing the gathering at Amrita School of Dentistry in city recently.

M.N. Bhagath Simha Memorial State Level Cricket Tournament

Vijaya CC triumphs over Bangalore Occassionals

Sheethal Kumar of Rajajinagar Cricketers** (left) **receiving 'Player of the Match' award from Kiran, senior member, Jai Hind Cricket Club, during the post-match presentation ceremony at JSS-SJCE Ground at Manasagangothri yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 8 (VNS)- Helped by knocks of Aniketh Reddy (69 not out off 35 balls), Shaun Joseph (52 runs off 33 balls) and Abul Hasan Khalid (36 runs off 26 balls), Vijaya Cricket Club defeated Bangalore Occasionals by 30 runs in the ongoing M.N. Bhagath Simha Memorial State Level Cricket Tournament-2025 at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri yesterday.

Having won the toss and electing to bat first, Vijaya CC posted 202/5 in 20 overs. Both M.G. Naveen and Lavish Kaushal scalped one wicket each. In reply, Bangalore Occasionals managed to score 172/7 in 20 overs with Kranthi Kumar scoring 52 not out off 36 balls and Bhuvan Raju scoring 45 off 32 balls. Adtiya Goyal and Vidyadhar Patil scalped two wickets each for Bangalore Occasionals. Aniketh Reddy was declared 'Player of the Match.'

Rajajinagar Cricketers thump Jai Hind CC

In the other match played at JSS-SJCE grounds, Rajajinagar Cricketers defeated Jai Hind Cricket Club by 22 runs. Having put into bat first, Rajajinagar Cricketers scored 180/8 in 20 overs. Sireesh scored 60 off 29 balls while Rohit scored 41 runs off 27 balls. For Jai Hind CC, Darshan picked up three wickets while Clement Rajmohan scalped two wickets.

In reply, Jai Hind CC scored 158/7 in 20 overs falling short by 22 runs. While Kruthik Krishna scored 49 runs off 32 balls and Neeraj scored 25 off 22 balls for Jai Hind CC, Sheethal Kumar picked up four wickets and Sahil Sharma took three wickets for Rajajinagar Cricketers. Sheethal Kumar was declared the 'Player of the Match.'

Navodaya CC scores over Cambridge CC

City's Navodaya CC scored 28 runs over Cambridge CC in the match played at JSS-SJCE Grounds here yesterday.

Having asked to bat first, Navodya CC scored 209/6 in 20 overs. Shivakumar scored 71 runs off 41 balls and Sudhanwa Kulkarni scored 55 runs of 29 balls for Navodaya CC. Jayanth took three wickets while Shubhang took two wickets for Cambridge CC.

Chasing a target of 210 runs, Cambridge CC scored 181/7 in 20 overs. While Shubhang scored 47 runs off 37 balls, M.B. Shivam scored 37 runs off 28 balls. Shivakumar picked up two wickets for Navodaya CC. Shivakumar was awarded the player of the match of his all-round performance.

Swastik Union CC beats JoJo CC

Bengaluru's Swastik Union Cricket Club beat JoJo Cricket Club of Mysuru by six wickets in the match played at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium yesterday. Having won the toss and electing to field first, Swastik Union CC were able to restrict JoJo Cricket CC for 147 all out in 19.4 overs. While Sathwik Sairaj scalped four wickets, Dmello took two wickets for Swastik Union CC.

Lochan Gowda scored 33 runs off 23 balls JoJo Cricket CC. In reply, Swastik Union CC scored 149/4 in 18.4 overs. B.N. Yashwanth topped scored with 41 runs off 37 balls and Adhoksh Hegde scored 30 runs off 26 balls. Suraj Seshadri picked up two wickets for JoJo CC. Sathwik Sairaj was declared the 'Player of the Match.'

EPFO Mysuru holds District Outreach Programme

Mysuru, Mar. 8- The District Outreach Programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 was conducted at United Breweries Limited (UBL), Thandya Industrial Area, Nanjangud, recently.

Shobhan Majumdar, Manufacturing Excellence, UBL, Nanjangud Plant, was the chief guest. B.S. Shruthi, Enforcement Officer, A. Thejas Krishnan, SSA and Shivam Singh, SSA of EPFO, Regional Office, Mysuru and K.K. Ranjith Kumar, Branch Manager (in-Charge), J.R. Rajesh, UDC, ESIC, Nanjangud, have redressed the grievance of stakeholders and properly managed the event.

EPFO stakeholders visited the venue with their queries and grievances, which were solved immediately.

To bridge the gap between EPFO and stakeholders, EPFO has started the initiative and under the supervision of Vinit Kumar, Regional PF Commissioner-I, Regional Office, Mysuru team of officials visits different locations in various districts to interact and educate members/ employers and pensioners.

CHAMPIONS ICC TROPHY 2025 • PAKISTAN
TOMORROW'S MATCH
MARCH 9
FINALS
INDIA Vs NEW ZEALAND
Dubai International Stadium - 2.30 pm
Live action on:
Star Sports Network & JioHotstar

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE
TODAY'S MATCH
MAR. 8
UP WARRIORZ Vs RCB
Ekana Cricket Stadium
Lucknow - 7.30 pm
YESTERDAY'S RESULT
Delhi Capitals 177/5 (20 overs) LOST TO Gujarat Giants 178/5 (19.3 overs)
Live action on:
Star Sports Network & JioHotstar

Chamaraja Wadiyar X Jayanti and Kavya Vaachana

Vidushi Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan offering floral tributes to a portrait of Chamaraja Wadiyar X during the inauguration of Chamaraja Wadiyar X Jayanti celebrations organised by Sri Krishna Ganasabha at Alwar Kala Bhavan in Gokulam 3rd Stage in city recently. Sabha President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs and Sanskrit Scholar Vidwan Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao are also seen. Picture right shows Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan and Dr. Nagaraja Rao presenting 'Bheeshma Parva' Kavya Vaachana-Vyakhyana programme on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Stolid

Pronunciation: stol·id ˈstä-ləd (adjective).
Meaning: Having or revealing little emotion or sensibility; not easily aroused or excited; UNEMOTIONAL.
Origin: Stolid derives from stolidus, a word that means "dull" or "stupid" in Latin. It is also distantly related to the word stultify, meaning "to cause to appear or be stupid, foolish, or absurdly illogical." The earliest examples of usage for stolid, dating back to the early 17th century, indicate that it too was originally associated with a lack of smarts; it was used to describe people who were considered dull or stupid because they didn't wear their emotions on their sleeves. By the 1800s, however, stolid was frequently appearing without the connotation of foolishness, and it continues to be free of such overtones today.
Example: She remained stolid during the trial.

THE ODD WORD

Sanctanimity

Holiness of mind.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Strike Out

Meaning: To 'Strike Out' means to fail at something.
Origin: Though many believe that the origin of the phrase "Strike out" comes from the late 1800s when American baseball was first becoming popular and "striking out" referred to the failure of a batter to put the baseball in play. The term actually has its roots in the early 1500s, when it was used as a term describing the act of canceling or erasing.
Example: "Last semester, my assignment was perfect, but I struck out this time."

QUOTE BOX

One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.—**George Herbert**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

TASTINGLE

Answer: Sting in the tale.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Gain by labour
5 Chinese weight - "late" change?
9 Peak or summit
12 Inter ____ : among other things, in Latin
13 Verbally gushing
15 Sitarist Shankar
16 Terms of endearment (3,5)
17 Look at in advance
19 Antiquing liquid
20 First Woman
21 Burns with steam
23 Unclean or filthy
26 Newly spawned fishes
27 Greek goddess of dawn
28 Sore, as muscles
29 Zodiac sign
30 Slave or serf
31 The fourth letter by the sound of it?
32 Do needlework?
33 Neither solids nor liquids
34 Eight musical notes
36 Ireland's ___ Lingus
37 By ___ : by memory alone?
38 Facility
42 Alternative name for meteorite
44 Epochs
45 Preserve or contend
46 Title used in addressing a king
47 Annual maintenance contract
48 Newts or newt-like amphibians
49 Russian emperor of days gone by

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	A	F	■	B	I	F	F	■	S	C	A	R
A	M	U	■	L	O	L	A	■	T	A	T	E
R	A	J	K	U	M	A	R	■	E	P	I	C
S	H	I	R	R	■	Y	A	W	N	■	■	■
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P	R	E	S	E	N	T	■	S	H	R	E	W
O	U	T	■	D	A	U	N	T	■	A	V	E
S	E	T	T	O	■	T	U	B	U	L	A	R
T	R	Y	O	U	T	■	N	E	S	■	■	■
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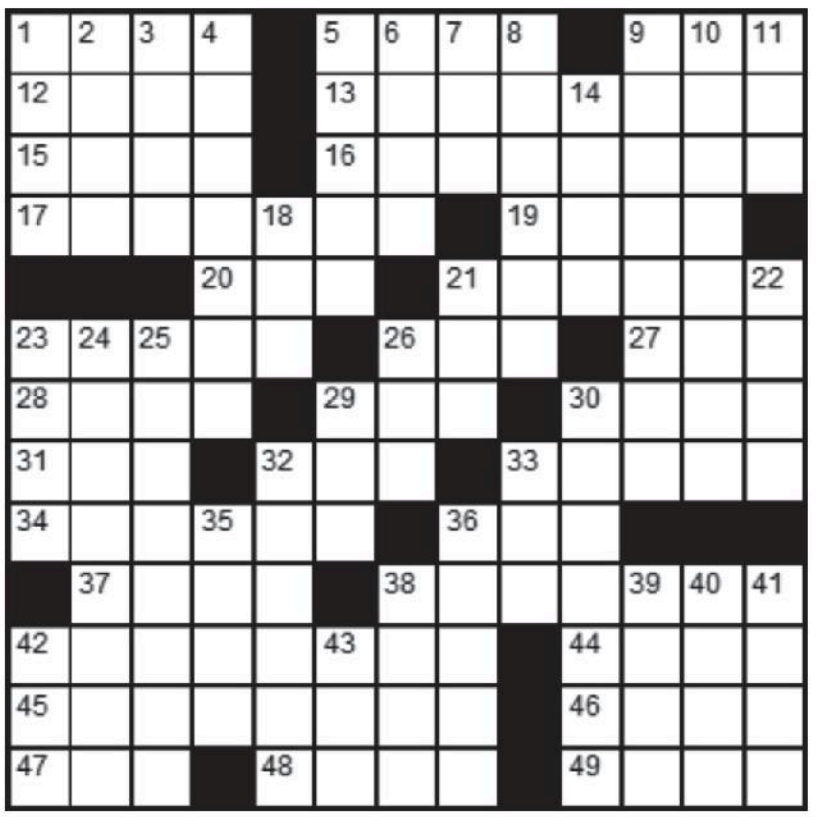
C	A	R	P	■	S	O	U	L	■	O	L	E

DOWN

1 Lawman Wyatt
2 Pertaining to wings
3 Split or cleave
4 Lack of guile
5 A Red Indian tent
6 Give me _ ___ : give me some? (1,3)
7 Newt
8 Insanity
9 Eternal
10 Cooked too much
11 Footlike organ
14 Epic or heroic story
18 Climbing vine
21 Standing Room Only, abbr.
22 Nav. readings
23 Pedestal part
24 Something sweet and cold for the hot summer day? (3-5)
25 The study of the effective use of language
26 Not many
29 Martial arts great Bruce ___
30 Intense
32 Gracefully slim
33 Command to a horse
35 Like _ ___ of bricks : rather heavily? (1,3)
36 Church words
38 Working (2,2)
39 Part of the eye
40 Scarlett's home
41 River of Flanders
42 American medical association, in short
43 Ind. Air Force



SUDOKU

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	6		9	1				
			3			5		2
	9			5		3	2	
	8	7		3			1	
6		8			5			
				8	1		3	
	7			6				

Answer to previous puzzle

8	3	6	5	7	9	2	4	1
9	2	1	8	4	6	5	7	3
7	5	4	2	1	3	6	8	9
3	9	8	6	5	4	1	2	7
5	4	2	1	9	7	8	3	6
1	6	7	3	2	8	4	9	5
4	1	3	7	8	5	9	6	2
6	8	5	9	3	2	7	1	4
2	7	9	4	6	1	3	5	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CXBXMVSA VT MVPJ SNN MS EJPVAK JPUQSLJJT MOXM

MOJ FHTVAJTT BXA YJM XQSAY RVMOSHM MOJP.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: How ridiculous and unrealistic is the man who is astonished at anything that happens in life.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Interval (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Rakshasa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Rakshasa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Rakshasa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Rakshasa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Bhagiratha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Kapati (K) - 2 Shows; *Soori Loves Sandhya (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Daaku Maharaaj (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Sabdham (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Badass Ravikumar (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Mickey 17 (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 10.25 pm
	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Dragon (Ta)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.20 am
Kapati (K)	(S-1)	4.40 pm
Kanasondu Shuruvagide (K)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Te)	(S-2)	4 pm
Shaadi Mein Zaroor Anna (H)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Vadakkan (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Tarka (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Mithya (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Rakshasa (K)	(S-3)	10 pm
Apple Cut (K)	(S-4)	10.40 am
Kingston (Ta)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Interval (K)	(S-4)	4.05 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-4)	7 pm, 10.15 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Forest (K)	:	1 pm
Rakshasa (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.30 pm
Kapati (K)	:	1.45 pm
Mithya (K)	:	4.05 pm
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	:	4.10 pm
Chhaava (H)	:	6.15 pm, 7.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Apple Cut (K)	:	6.50 pm
Raa... Raja (Te)	:	9 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Chhaava (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Kingston (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 10.15 pm
Kingston (Te)	:	4.10 pm
Mickey 17 (E)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
The Monkey (E)	:	10.45 am, 1.35 pm, 7.20 pm
Interval (K)	:	11 am
Rakshasa (K)	:	11 am, 3.50 pm
Chhaava (Te)	:	1 pm, 6.40 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	1 pm, 7.05 pm
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	:	2.05 pm
Apple Cut (K)	:	4.20 pm
Kapati (K)	:	4.50 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Vadakkan (Ma)	:	9.20 pm
Wicked (E)	:	9.40 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Chhaava (H)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Chhaava (Te)	:	9.30 am, 3.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Kingston (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 2 pm, 7.05 pm
Mithya (K)	:	11.35 am
Forest (K)	:	12.50 pm
Rakshasa (K)	:	1 pm, 6.55 pm
Fashion (H)	:	3.45 pm
Crazxy (H)	:	4.55 pm
Tarka (K)	:	7.10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 pm
Kanasondu Shurvagide (K)	:	10.05 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Chhaava (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50, 7.10, 10.30 pm
Rakshasa (K)	:	10.15 am, 7.25 pm
Mickey 17 (E)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Chhaava (Te)	:	11.05 am, 10 pm
Kingston (Ta)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Kingston (Te)	:	4.20 pm
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	:	2.25 pm
Mithya (K)	:	5.10 pm
Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Te)	:	7.05 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Chhaava (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50, 7.10, 10.30 pm
Chhaava (Te)	:	10 am, 6.40 pm
Kingston (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 7.15 pm
Kingston (Te)	:	1.45 pm
Rakshasa (K)	:	11.05 am, 4.40 pm
Kanasondu Shurvagide (K)	:	1.20 pm
Apple Cut (K)	:	1.40 pm
Shaadi Mein Zaroor Aana (H)	:	3.45 pm
Interval (K)	:	4 pm
Kapati (K)	:	7 pm
Tarka (K)	:	9.30 pm
Fashion (H)	:	10 pm
Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Te)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 8)

- **DoS in Psychology, University of Mysore (UoM) and UoM Psychology Alumni Association:** Centenary Year Celebrations, Valedictory of two-day international conference, M.K. Savitha, Registrar, UoM, delivers a valedictory address, MLA K. Harishgowda and Dr. P.S. Lohith, Founder, Kaveri Super Speciality Hospital, Hunsur, chief guests, DoS in Psychology Chairman Prof. Sampathkumar, presides, Rani Bahaddur Auditorium, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**
- **Manya Mukyamantrigalada Siddaramaiahnavara haagu Yathindra Siddaramaiahnavara Abhimanigala Balaga:** Sri Madiwala Machideva Jayantotsava-2025 and presentation of Pratibha Puraskar for Madiwala community students, Sri Basava Machideva Swamiji of Madiwala Gurupeeta, Chitradurga, graces the occasion, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah inaugurates, Madiwala Community leader A.S. Ravikumar presides, Spiritual Thinker Shankar Devanur and Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Prof. S. Shivarajappa chief guests, film actress Renu Shikari special invitee; Music programme by noted folk artiste Amma Ramachandra, opposite Ashokapuram Railway Station, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **4 pm.**
- **DoS in Botany, University of Mysore (UoM) and Indian Society of Plant Pathologists, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana:** Valedictory of two-day National Symposium-2025, Prof. Vishnuvardhana, VC, University of Horticultural Sciences, Navanagara, Bagalkote, delivers valedictory address; Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty, President, Indian Society of Plant Pathologists, Punjab Agricultural University and former Additional Director General, ICAR, New Delhi, chief guest; Prof. Bhushan L. Jalali, former Head, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Haryana Agricultural University & former Director, National Centre for Integrated Pest Management ICAR, New Delhi, guest of honour; Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru and JSS Working Women Hostel, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru:** International Women's Day celebrations, Discourse on 'Hennu Makkalu mattu Atmavikasa' by littérateur and retd. Principal Dr. Shashikala Vastrad, Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah guest of honour, Kadali Mahila Vedike President Sharada Shivalingaswamy presides, felicitation to Rajyotsava award Saraswati Begum, JSS Women's Educational Institutions Hostel Warden Mamatha Suresh will be present, JSS Practising Primary School premises, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha and JSS Law College, Mysuru and Surana & Surana International Attorneys (SSIA), Chennai:** Valedictory of 22nd Surana & Surana National Corporate Law Moot Competition - 2025, Justice Krishna Dixit, Judge - Karnataka HC, delivers valedictory address, Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur, Judge - Karnataka HC, presides, V. Raghuraman, Senior Advocate, Bengaluru, guest of honour, Prof. K.S. Suresh, Preetam Surana and Dr. Vani Shree, will be present, College Silver Jubilee Hall, **5 pm.**
- **Nrityalaya Trust - An Academy of Performing Arts, Mysuru:** 'Navilina Payana - 46', Sri Hari Bhajans by Nrityalaya Troupe, **5 pm to 5.30 pm;** Felicitation to senior artistes — Vainika Vidwan Dr. R. Visweswaran and Karnataka Kalasri Dr. Mala Shashikantha of Kaishiki Natyavahini, Bengaluru; 'Natyacharya' Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao of Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust, Mysuru, chief guest, Nrityalaya Trust Chairperson Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra presides, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm;** presentation of 'Sarvam Sri Krishna Mayam Jagat', by Nrityalaya Troupe, Ramagovinda Rangamandira, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Bharathi Prakashana, Mysuru:** Releasing of books — 'Mandamatiya Samati' and 'Seethale Hoodande' — authored by Ravindra Bhat Doddenahalli, littérateur Prof. M. Krishnegowda, presides, author Ravindra Bhat chief guest, Uttara Kannada Zilla Samskrutika Sangha, P-22, Gange Road, 'G' & 'H' Block, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Kaladhare Cultural Trust:** 24th Music and Dance Festival, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy inaugurates, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Smt. Gunamba Nanjaraje Urs Memorial Concert - Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vidu. Archana L. Rao, accompanied by Vid. Keshava Mohankumar on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Nanjundeshwara Swamy Temple, Old Santhepet:** Srimad Divya Ratharohana Mahotsava, Chandra Mandalarohana, temple premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 9)

- **Karnataka State Police:** Karnataka State Police Run 2025, 5K and 10K Run, Mysore Palace premises, **5.30 am.**
- **Mysuru Sahitya mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana:** M.B. Santhosh's 64th Birthday celebrations, releasing of books 'Vachana Vaividya' (M.B. Santhosh) and 'Manada Haaikugalu' (B. Shobha), Kavigoshti and Award Presentation, Dr. Sri Sharathchandra Swamiji of Sri Kundur Mutt graces the occasion, Mysuru Sahitya mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana President M.B. Santhosh presides, Ideal Jawa Rotary Auditorium, opp. MUDA Office, JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar), Mysuru:** Sharana Sangama-303, Sri Srikantaswamji of Sri Virakta Mutt graces the occasion, R. Dileep Kumar delivers lecture on 'Vachana Sahityavattu Yake Odabeku?,' Basava Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **11 am.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeeta Sabha:** Ganayogi Panchakshari-Puttraja Sangeethotsava 2025, Hindustani Classical Music Concert by Ustad Fyaz Khan, Nitin Rajaram Shastry and Venkatesh Kulakarni, accompanied on harmonium by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath and Pt. Prakash Hegde Yadalli and on tabla by Ramesh Dhannur & Bhimashankar Bidanur, Ganabhrathi, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Smt. Indiradevi Praphullachandra Memorial Concert - Hindustani Classical Vocal by Vidushi Pt. Omkarnath Havaldar, accompanied by Pt. Karthik Bhat on tabla and Pt. Sameer Havaldar on harmonium (sponsored by Sri Veerappa Praphullachandra's family), Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Prasanna Nanjundeshwara Swamy Temple, Old Santhepet:** Srimad Divya Ratharohana Mahotsava, Shesharohana, temple premises, **7 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Mr. Bogies,' directed by H.K. Dwarakanath, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangasampada, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Sheshagrastaru,' directed by Ramesh Chand, Natana's Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.**

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